GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER`S VISIT TO THE GULF COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited Gulf Countries recently

(b) if so, the main objectives of his visit; and

(c) the details of agreements/MoUs signed during this visit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Yes.During the first half of 2008, the Hon'ble External Affairs Minister visited Oman from 13 to 14 January, Saudi Arabia from 19 to 20 April and UAE from 12 to 14 May.

(b) The purpose of the visit was to further strengthen bilateral relations with these countries and the region, to continue our bilateral exchanges at the highest level and to further consolidate and diversify our economic and commercial ties.

(c) Two MoUs−

(i) for setting up Plastics Technology Training & Development Center in Oman, and

(ii) for setting up a Chartered Accountants Institute in Oman were signed during the visit to Oman.